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January 1 Cattle Inventory and Calf Crop

The January 1, 2011, all cattle and calf inventory totaled 1.23 million head, down 4 percent from last year. All cows that have calved totaled 670,000 head a decrease of 1 percent from the previous year. The Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service contacted over 1,000 Alabama cattle producers as part of a nationwide survey earlier this year to support these findings. **Alabama** ranked 25th in U.S. cattle inventory.

Item	Alabama			United States		
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011	2011/2010
	1,000 Head		Percent	1,000 Head		1,000 Head
All Cattle	1,280	1,230	96	93,881	92,582	99
Beef Cows	669	659	99	31,371	30,865	98
Milk Cows	11	11	100	9,086	9,150	101
Beef Replacement Heifers	95	89	94	5,451	5,158	95
Milk Replacement Heifers	5	6	120	4,526	4,557	101
Other Heifers	40	40	100	9,769	9,818	101
Steers over 500 lbs	70	50	71	16,510	16,382	99
Bulls	50	50	100	2,190	2,153	98
Calves under 500 lbs	340	325	96	14,979	14,500	97
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010	2010/2009
Annual Calf Crop	590	580	98	35,939	35,685	99

January 1 Catfish Water Acres and Inventory

The Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service contacted approximately 165 Alabama catfish producers for the January 1, 2011 inventory survey. Survey results are shown below for Alabama and the three major catfish producing states. **Alabama** catfish sales for 2010 totaled \$107.5 million, compared with \$90.7 million the previous year.

Item	Alabama				Three Major States 1/			
	Number		Pounds		Number		Pounds	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Thousand		Thousand		Thousand		Thousand	
Water Acres	19.8	19.2	---	---	103.0	87.9	---	---
Broodfish	10	30	73	120	400	405	2,185	2,053
Food Size Large	2,400	2,000	8,500	7,000	7,390	5,040	25,700	16,990
Medium	30,400	14,600	56,400	28,900	84,400	47,580	160,900	93,400
Small	42,500	31,400	44,800	31,300	155,900	106,800	158,000	107,200
Food Size, Total	75,300	48,000	109,700	67,200	247,690	159,420	344,600	217,590
Stockers Large	21,000	45,300	10,200	14,800	143,100	151,900	61,950	60,150
Small	25,700	50,500	2,900	4,500	202,800	213,000	20,250	20,900
Stockers, Total	46,700	95,800	13,100	19,300	345,900	364,900	82,200	81,050
Fingerlings	23,400	54,000	1,250	2,300	390,600	546,600	13,450	21,950

1/ Includes AL, AR, MS.

January 1 Goat Inventory

There were approximately 388 Alabama sheep and goat producers contacted by the Alabama Agricultural Statistics Service for the January 1, 2011 inventory survey. Meat and other goat inventory in **Alabama** totaled 56,500 a 6 percent decrease from the previous year. Inventory of milk goats decreased 5 percent from 2010. Alabama ranks 11th in meat goat inventory and 26th in milk goat inventory.

Alabama Goats: 2006 - 2011

Year	Meat and Other Goats			Milk Goats		
	Alabama	Percent Change for Alabama	United States	Alabama	Percent Change for Alabama	United States
	Head		Head	Head		Head
2006	43,000	108	2,336,000	3,000	90	305,000
2007	53,000	124	2,507,000	3,500	117	311,000
2008	70,000	132	2,590,000	4,000	115	323,000
2009	65,000	93	2,549,000	4,500	113	335,000
2010	60,000	93	2,521,000	4,200	94	356,000
2011	56,500	94	2,468,000	4,000	95	360,000